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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT AMCONSUL ORAN

1. SUGGEST FOLLOWING FACTORS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND WHEN
CHOOSING REPLACEMENT FOR LARRY COLBERT IN ORAN:

A. ONE AMERICAN FIRM (BECHTEL) HAS CONCRETE PLANS TO
BRING IN 200 AMERICAN FAMILIES WITHIN NEXT THREE MONTHS.

B. SECOND AMERICAN FIRM (GTE) PLANS BRING IN 200 AMERICAN
FAMILIES WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

C. THIRD AMERICAN FIRM (KELLOGG) PLANS BRING IN 200
AMERICAN FAMILIES WITHIN NEXT YEAR.

2. ALL THESE FIRMS HAVE PROJECTS WHICH WILL TAKE TWO TO
FIVE YEARS TO COMPLETE. WHILE SOME OF ABOVE PLANS COULD
POSSIBLY ABORT, OTHER US FIRMS ALSO INTERESTED IN OTHER
PROJECTS IN ORAN CONSULAR DISTRICT. IN SHORT, WE ARE
ANTICIPATING SHARPLY INCREASED CONSULAR LOAD IN ORAN.

3. THEREFORE WE STRONGLY URGE THAT SPOUSE OF OFFICER
NAMED TO REPLACE COLBERT BE GIVEN FULL CONSULAR TRAINING
AND COMMISSION, AND FRENCH TRAINING IF NEEDED, SO THAT
ORAN CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CONSULAR SERVICES
AS WELL AS FOLLOW IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL, POLITICAL,

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